

WOMEN OF THE YEAR



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Mary Martin, the Texas girl who washes her hair nightly as star of the Broadway phenomenon, "South Pacific," has received high vote in the annual AP poll on outstanding women of the year.

The poll, conducted among editors of Associated Press newspapers, was divided in most categories, but was almost unanimous in naming Miss Martin top actress of 1949.

It was the first time an actress received top vote in the annual editors' poll. Outstanding women named in previous years have included such personalities as: Clare Boothe Luce (then Congresswoman) in 1944; Lise Meitner, atomic scientist, in 1945; Princess Elizabeth in 1947 and Margaret Chase Smith, Senator from Maine, in 1948.

Mary Martin began her career as a dancing school teacher in Texas, gave the movies a tentative whirl and made her first impact on Broadway in 1938 when she wowed the customers with "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," hit song of "Leave It to Me."

She is married to Richard Halliday, former film executive, and lives quietly in Norwalk, Conn., with her 17-year-old son, Larry, and their seven-year-old daughter, Mary Heller.

Ten other women were voted outstanding in their respective fields for 1949.

Woman of the year in the field of sports was 15-year-old Marlene Bauer, of Los Angeles, winner of

the USGA Girls' Junior Championship. Pretty Marlene is five feet three and has been playing golf since she was three.

In the field of music, Helen Traubel, Wagnerian soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, again was voted top. A native of St. Louis, Mr. Miss Traubel has won fresh laurels this year, being named a "Woman of Achievement" by the Group Action Council of St. Louis and receiving an honorary doctorate of music from the University of Southern California.

In politics, the laurels went to Margaret Chase Smith, first woman to win an initial election to the U. S. Senate, and "woman of the year" in 1948.

Outstanding movie actress of 1949 was Olivia de Havilland, who won national acclaim for her remarkable portrayal of the title role in the film, "The Heiress," after a similar earlier triumph in the role of the mad heroine of "The Snake Pit."

In the field of business, the poll named Georgia Neese Clark, of Richland, Kans., appointed this year first woman treasurer of the United States. Her signature appears on all U. S. currency issued since her appointment—a distinction never before accorded to a woman.

The vote for outstanding woman in the field of radio went to Marie Wilson, star of the zany program "My Friend Irma."

Woman of the year in literature was Eleanor Roosevelt, whose memoir, "This I Remember," has

been a best-seller.

Margaret Clapp, new president of Wellesley College, was named woman of the year in the field of education. The eighth president of the famous women's college in Massachusetts recently had won a Pulitzer Prize for her scholarly biography, "Forgotten First Citizen: John Bigelow," and at the time of her appointment was an assistant professor of history at Brooklyn College and a Wellesley alumna of the class of 1930.

Named outstanding in the field of science was Dr. Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist and author of an impressive series of books, the latest "Male and Female." She is associate curator of Ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History.

Outstanding beauty of the year was the current Miss America, Jacque Mercer, of Phoenix, Arizona.

Director Not Very Handy With 'Didy'

By JACK METCALFE

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Mitchell Leisen, a smooth director, may not be much of a hand with a diaper. But the Paramount studio insists he's an ace baby sitter.

In fact, the movie company alleges that man-of-the-world Leisen thinks of himself as one of the few infant tenders in Hollywood who can soothe the little darlings when they crawl onto a sound stage.

Not that ironclad California laws don't make sure that there are flocks of chaperones and attendants on hand to safeguard the moppets. It's just that Leisen refuses to pass such chores on to others.

Unless it's twins. Then assistant Johnny Corcoran gets to help.

This hitherto-undiscovered side to the megaphone's nature came to light during filming of "The Lie." A crucial moment in the picture shows a baby sleeping soundly in the arms of Barbara Stanwyck.

To get the honor of being photographed thus, one or the other of the year-old Breidenthal twins, either Denise or Deborah, had to heed the call of the sandman.

Problem Solved

When the entire cast and crew of the movie was poised to film the scene, it turned out that neither little angel would doze off.

Leisen rose to the occasion, however, grabbed Denise and turned Deborah over to Coonan.

Through 15 minutes of absolute and high-priced silence, mute actors and stagehands watched the directorial team pace the floor with the babies.

Denise finally went to sleep, but even before the signal for action, she bounced awake again.

The walkathon started anew, and this time the more co-operative Breidenthal miss proved the one to achieve a bit of success before the camera.

When Leisen, harried but triumphant, returned the babies to Mrs. Breidenthal, she graciously complimented both the director and his assistant on their nursing skill.

Farm Income Tax Law Is Changed

Income tax time soon will roll around again for the nation's farmers, reminds C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of farm management extension at State College.

Two important changes in laws relating to filling returns and paying tax on farm income have been made during the past year, says Ratchford. He explains these changes as follows:

In past years farmers have been required to file an estimate of their income by January 15, pay on the basis of this estimate by the same date, and make final return and payment by March 15. They still will be able to do this for the current income year. If they prefer, however, they may wait until January 31, making final

return and payment at that time. Another change is that if the farmer's business year does not end on December 31, he may file his return and pay his tax any time within 31 days after the close of his business year, or he may file an estimate within 15 days and make the final return and payment any time within two and a half months.

The latter change, however, will not effect most North Carolina farmers, since a majority of them close their business year at the end of the calendar year.

Ratchford points out that everyone whose 1949 income was more than \$600 before expenses were deducted, must file a return regardless of whether he has to pay any tax.

Necessary forms may be obtained from the nearest collector of internal revenue or the local bank or post office. Forms needed are 1040-F and 1040; 1040-ES for fil-

Vienna Police Take On Translation Job

VIENNA (UP)—Austria in its drive to capture some of its old tourists, has re-instated a helpful system with its police officers in downtown Vienna.

The police in the areas of the capital most frequented by visitors are specially picked for their language abilities. They proudly wear shining silver plates on their left breast reading "English," "Francais" or whatever foreign language they speak.

Rail Tie Replacements
Railroads replaced in 1946 about 33 million cross ties at a cost of more than 83 million dollars.

ing estimated returns; and Schedule D for listing gains and losses from sale of property. An instruction pamphlet also is available.

St. Louis Goes Wacky On Car Decorating

ST. LOUIS (UP)—Some automobiles in St. Louis have gone strictly wacky.

A fad of placing from one to five bobbing plastic birds on automobile windows and windshields has caught on. The birds are held to the glass by a rubber suction cup.

Many cars in the city now look like a rolling five-and-ten-cent store display. The thing is getting out of hand. Baby boots, squirrel tails, furry toy-monkeys and a dozen other knick-knacks are taking up any available space in the cars. Visibility for the driver has been cut by half in some cases.

How Old Is Chess?
Chess was popular in Mesopotamia about 4,000 B. C. The Arabs brought chess with them to Spain, and from there it spread throughout Europe.

Claims She Even Starling

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Mrs. Bethel explains that she has a knack for the songs of other birds. And she believes the starling, named Wally, was the first sound to mock the human voice.

So far all Wally does is chirp. Bethel speaks to him in a soft, low voice.

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Sing a song of Christmas . . . of feast and garland gay;
Of candle light and fire light and presents on the way!
Of children's voices, gay and sweet . . . of Christmas tree alight
With tinsel toys and angels . . . and trinkets shining bright!
Sing a song of happiness . . . of hope and joy and love
And Merry Christmas, one and all . . . a message from above!

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